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8 BEFORE THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION  
9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
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12 In the Matter of ) FPPC No.: 97/137  
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14 ) STIPULATION, DECISION and  
Citizens for A Better La Puente and Alex ) ORDER  
Espinoza, III, )  
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16 Respondents. )  
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18 Complainant, Mark Krausse, Executive Director of the Fair Political Practices Commission, and  
19 Respondents, Citizens for A Better La Puente, and Alex Espinoza, III, hereby agree that this Stipulation  
20 will be submitted for consideration by the Fair Political Practices Commission at its next regularly  
21 scheduled meeting.

22 The parties agree to enter into this Stipulation to resolve all factual and legal issues raised in this  
23 matter, and to reach a final disposition without the necessity of holding an administrative hearing to  
24 determine the liability of Respondents.

25 Respondents understand and hereby knowingly and voluntarily waive any and all procedural  
26 rights set forth in sections 83115.5 and 11503 of the Government Code, and in section 18361 of Title 2  
27 of the California Code of Regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, the right to personally appear  
28 at any administrative hearing held in this matter, to be represented by an attorney at Respondents' own

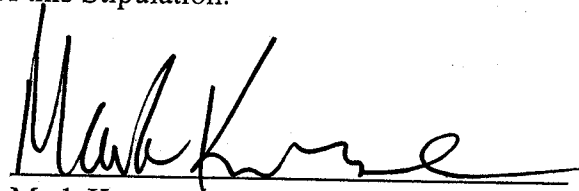
1 expense, to confront and cross-examine all witnesses testifying at the hearing, to subpoena witnesses to  
2 testify at the hearing, and to have an impartial administrative law judge preside over the hearing as a  
3 hearing officer.

4 It is further stipulated and agreed that Respondents violated the Political Reform Act in that they:  
5 filed a Statement of Organization containing a false address for the committee; filed a campaign  
6 statement that failed to disclose an expenditure; failed to maintain required campaign records; made a  
7 cash expenditure of over \$100; and sent two mass mailings without correct sender identification, in  
8 violation of Government Code sections 84102, 84104, 84211, and 84305, as described in Exhibit 1,  
9 which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, as though fully set forth herein. Exhibit 1  
10 is a true and accurate summary of the facts in this matter.

11 Respondents agree to the issuance of the Decision and Order which is attached hereto.  
12 Respondents also agree to the Commission imposing upon them an administrative penalty in the amount  
13 of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000). A cashier check from Respondents in said amount, made  
14 payable to the "General Fund of the State of California," is submitted with the Stipulation as full  
15 payment of the administrative penalty, and shall be held by the State of California until the Commission  
16 issues its Decision and Order. The parties agree that in the event the Commission refuses to accept this  
17 Stipulation, it shall become null and void, and within fifteen (15) business days after the Commission  
18 meeting at which this Stipulation is rejected, all payments tendered by Respondents in connection with  
19 this Stipulation shall be reimbursed to Respondents. Respondents further stipulate and agree that in the  
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1 event the Commission rejects the Stipulation and a full evidentiary hearing before the Commission  
2 becomes necessary, neither any member of the Commission, nor the Executive Director, shall be  
3 disqualified because of prior consideration of this Stipulation.

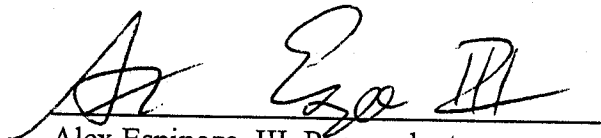
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Mark Krausse  
Executive Director

FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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Alex Espinoza, III, Respondent  
Individually and on behalf of Citizens for a Better La  
Puente.

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16 **DECISION AND ORDER**

17 The foregoing stipulation of the parties "In the Matter of Citizens for A Better La Puente, FPPC  
18 No. 97/137," including all attached exhibits, is hereby accepted as the final decision and order of the  
19 Fair Political Practices Commission, effective upon execution below by the Chairman.

20 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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22 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Karen A. Getman, Chairman  
Fair Political Practices Commission